

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed December 4, 2007. Claims 1, 12, 22, and 23 have been amended. Claims 24-30 have been added. Therefore, claims 1, 2-12, and 13-30 are pending in this case. Reconsideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

Telephone Interview

In a telephone interview between the Examiner and Jeff Hood on April 7, 2008, the presently submitted amendments were discussed. More specifically, the Examiner agreed that the newly amended claims would overcome the cited prior art since Kinnis does not teach or suggest the specific integrated processes of the claims, which prevents possible modification of the message. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Section 102 Rejection

Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 18, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kinnis (WO 01/13574, "Kinnis").

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 5, 6, 11, 14, 15, 17, 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinnis in view of Slaughter (U.S. 6,643,650, "Slaughter").

Claims 9 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinnis in view of Dickinson (U.S. 6,853,988, "Dickinson").

With respect to the section 102 and 103 rejections, Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons previously submitted, Kinnis and the secondary references do not teach or suggest the previously submitted claims. However, in light of the Telephone Interview summarized above and in order to expedite prosecution in this case, Applicant has amended the claims and accordingly requests a Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above-referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5646-00900/JCH.

Respectfully submitted,

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